

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the Office Action mailed on August 26, 2005. Reexamination in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 4, 9-16, 21-24 and 25-28 are currently pending in this application, with claims 4, 9, 13 and 21 being independent. *No new matter has been added.*

Entry of amendment

This amendment *prima facie* places the case in condition for allowance. Alternatively, it places this case in better condition for appeal. Accordingly, entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Allowable subject matter

Appreciation is expressed for the indication that claims 4, 9-16, and 24 contain allowable subject matter.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 21-23 and 25-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being obvious over Applicants Admitted Prior Art (AAPA) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,437,972 to Sellers.

This rejection is traversed at least for the following reasons.

The Office Action indicates that claim 24 contains allowable subject matter (Office Action at page 4). Accordingly, the features of claim 24 have been incorporated into independent claim 21 to form amended claim 21.

Withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are allowable, and the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and remarks is courteously solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753.

If any fee is required or any overpayment made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee or credit the overpayment to Deposit Account # 18-0013.

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